

weeks visit in Salem, with Mrs Mayer. The client received a good deal of attention & I came in for some on my own account. I really had a lovely visit & only came home when I did in order to be here for Mrs Murray's 94th birthday.

I met up to Salem on the 14th) the day before receiving a cryptic call - I loved it & send many thanks.

I must tell you the latest. There has been an item in the Herald Tribune stating that I was thinking of purchasing a

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Dear Jim —

I have just returned from Elizabeth where I have been lunching with Mrs. Simmons & Mrs Otto Witten. We had an interesting time & I have heard many & some new opinions from friend Buster Simpson. I also met a lady who had been present at Jane Gibson's mother's second marriage. The bride carried complications & had been rather giddy.

Last week I returned from a

home in N.J. state. Since this came
out I have been obliged with letters with
news of all kinds of property & in all sorts
of places. Everything from a bungalow or a
2 x 4 lot to a farm of 300 acres. Also
the phone is busy & men call.
Besides all this mail today I had a letter
with a real matrimonial offer. It is from
a Brazilian gentleman, age 45. He says
"let us go to Rio de Janeiro & live there".
I don't believe I would care for it.

I talked with Mr. Peltier yesterday & he
told me you are at the Flora in Rome.
I told you it was lonely up on the Veneto!
Did you go to the Capuchini monastery down
at the foot of the Veneto, I see all the ^{buses} ~~buses~~
there. I think it a dull place. I suppose you
will soon be off for Florence. I would
love to meet you & Eleanor on the Tiberbank
or on the Porta Vecchia. How I do long
for Florence! Has the affair been very bad?
It is years since I have been in Paris except
for the day in '23 when they Coron S.S.
met to the Louvre & talked so much we
hardly saw the pictures, & then later took a
boat trip on the Seine. I wonder how you will
like it!

Willie has not gone to Florida but I am still hoping